

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. A coated article including a layer system supported by a glass substrate, the layer system comprising:
  - a first layer comprising silicon nitride;
  - a layer comprising chromium titanium nitride provided on the glass substrate over the first layer comprising silicon nitride; and
  - a second layer comprising silicon nitride provided on the glass substrate over the layer comprising chromium titanium nitride.
2. The coated article of claim 1, wherein the layer comprising chromium titanium nitride is in direct contact with each of the first and second layers comprising silicon nitride.
3. The coated article of claim 1, wherein at least one of the layers comprising silicon nitride further includes at least one of stainless steel, aluminum, and/or oxygen.
4. The coated article of claim 1, wherein the coated article is not heat treated.
5. The coated article of claim 1, wherein the coated article is heat treated and has a  $\Delta E^*_G$  (glass side reflective) value of no greater than 5.0 due to heat treatment, wherein the heat treatment is for at least about 5 minutes at a temperature(s) of at least

about 580 degrees C.

6. The coated article of claim 1, wherein the layer comprising chromium titanium nitride is characterized by a Cr/Ti ratio of from about 0.7 to 4.0.

7. The coated article of claim 1, wherein the layer comprising chromium titanium nitride is characterized by a Cr/Ti ratio of from about 1.0 to 2.75.

8. The coated article of claim 1, wherein the layer comprising chromium titanium nitride is characterized by a Cr/Ti ratio of from about 1.0 to 2.4.

9. The coated article of claim 1, wherein the coated article is chemically durable.

10. The coated article of claim 1, wherein the coated article has a visible transmission of from about 10-40%.

11. The coated article of claim 1, wherein the layer system consists essentially of the first and second layers and the layer comprising chromium titanium nitride.

12. The coated article of claim 1, wherein the coated article is heat treated.

13. A coated article including a layer system supported by a glass substrate, the layer system comprising:

a first dielectric layer;

a layer comprising chromium titanium nitride provided on the glass substrate over the first dielectric layer; and

a second dielectric layer provided on the glass substrate over the layer comprising chromium titanium nitride.

14. The coated article of claim 13, wherein at least one of the first and second dielectric layers comprises silicon nitride.

15. The coated article of claim 13, wherein the layer comprising chromium titanium nitride is in direct contact with each of the first and second dielectric layers.

16. The coated article of claim 13, wherein the coated article is heat treated and has a  $\Delta E^*_G$  (glass side reflective) value of no greater than 5.0 due to heat treatment.

17. The coated article of claim 13, wherein the layer comprising chromium titanium nitride is characterized by a Cr/Ti ratio of from about 0.7 to 4.0.

18. The coated article of claim 13, wherein the layer comprising chromium titanium nitride is characterized by a Cr/Ti ratio of from about 1.0 to 2.75.

19. The coated article of claim 13, wherein the coated article is chemically durable.

20. The coated article of claim 13, wherein the coated article has a visible transmission of from about 10-40%.

21. The coated article of claim 13, wherein the layer system consists essentially of the first and second layers and the layer comprising chromium titanium nitride.